

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1.-15. (Canceled)

16. (New) A thermally sensitive recording medium comprising a thermally sensitive color developing layer formed on a substrate, the thermally sensitive color developing layer comprising a colorless or pale-colored basic leuco dye and a color developing agent as main components, and further comprising an acrylic polymer, said acrylic polymer being obtained by copolymerizing an acryl acrylate, an alkyl methacrylate and a vinyl silane, and a colloidal silica possessing a chain structure, as separate entities, the content of the colloidal silica being 10-300 weight parts to 100 weight parts of the acrylic polymer.

17. (New) The thermally sensitive recording medium of claim 16, wherein the acrylic polymer comprises acrylonitrile as a monomer component.

18. (New) The thermally sensitive recording medium of claim 16, wherein the acrylic polymer comprises styrene as a monomer component.

19. (New) The thermally sensitive recording medium of claim 16, wherein the colloidal silica consists of spherical colloidal silica particles of an average particle size of 10-50 nm and a metal oxide containing silica which bonds the spherical colloidal silica particles and $D1/D2$ is 3 or more, wherein $D1$ is the particle size as measured by dynamic light scattering method and is 50-500 nm and $D2$ is the average

particle size of spherical colloidal silica in nm and is measured by a nitrogen absorbing method, and said spherical colloidal silica particles are linked in a plane.